

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A USB wall plate, comprising:
a first surface;
a second surface opposite the first surface; and
four side edges connected to the first and second surfaces, wherein the wall plate defines:
a first opening extending from the first surface to the second surface, wherein the first opening is adapted to receive a USB connector; and
a second opening extending from the first surface to the second surface, wherein the second opening is adapted to receive an indicating light.
2. The wall plate of claim 1, wherein the wall plate is fabricated from an insulating material.
3. The wall plate of claim 1, wherein the first surface includes a planar portion.
4. The wall plate of claim 3, wherein the first surface includes a tapered portion.
5. The wall plate of claim 1, wherein the first opening is a rectangular-shaped opening.
6. The wall plate of claim 1, wherein the wall plate defines a plurality of first openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.

7. The wall plate of claim 6, wherein the wall plate defines four first openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.
8. The wall plate of claim 1, wherein the second opening is a circular-shaped opening.
9. The wall plate of claim 1, wherein the wall plate defines a plurality of second openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.
10. The wall plate of claim 9, wherein the wall plate includes four second openings extending from the first surface to the second surface.
11. A USB wall plate, comprising:
 - a first surface; ✓
 - a second surface opposite the first surface;
 - four side edges connected to the first and second surfaces; and
 - a printed circuit board having a USB hub circuit connected thereto, wherein the printed circuit board is connected to the second surface.
12. The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a plurality of USB connectors.

13. The wall plate of claim 12, wherein the USB hub circuit includes an upstream USB connector and four downstream USB connectors.

14. The wall plate of claim 13, wherein each of the four downstream USB connectors extend through openings defined by the wall plate.

15. The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a plurality of indicating lights.

16. The wall plate of claim 15, wherein the USB hub circuit includes four indicating lights.

17. The wall plate of claim 16, wherein each of the four indicating lights extend through openings defined by the wall plate.

18. The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes:
a downstream USB connector that extends through a first opening defined by the wall plate; and

an indicating light associated with the downstream USB connector, wherein the indicating light extends through a second opening defined by the wall plate.

19. The wall plate of claim 18, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a plurality of downstream USB connectors and a plurality of associated indicating lights.

20. The wall plate of claim 11, wherein the USB hub circuit includes a power supply.
21. The wall plate of claim 20, wherein the power supply includes a transformer.
22. A wall plate, comprising:
 - a first surface;
 - a second surface opposite the first surface;
 - four side edges connected to the first and second surfaces; and
 - means for transmitting and receiving a USB signal, wherein the means for transmitting and receiving the USB signal is connected to the second surface.